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That in all buildings, outhouses, and other superstructures of class A, class C, and in all stables where there are any spaces in walls between the wall proper and the covering on same, or in ceilings, between the ceiling and floor, or other ceiling covering above, said spaces shall be eliminated by the removal of said covering, or so closed with cement, mortar, or other material impervious to rats as to prevent the ingress or egress of rats: *Provided*, That all such wall spaces shall be closed with cement, mortar, or other material impervious to rats, which closure shall extend the full thickness of the wall and shall extend upward at least 12 inches above the floor level.

SEC. 7. That all premises, improved and unimproved, and all open lots, areas, streets, sidewalks, and alleys in the city of New Orleans shall be kept clean and free from all rubbish and similar loose material that might serve as a harborage for rats, and all lumber, boxes, barrels, loose iron, and similar material that may be permitted to remain thereon and that may be used as a harborage by rats, shall be placed on supports and elevated not less than 2 feet from the ground with a clear intervening space beneath to prevent the harboring of rats.

SEC. 8. That all planking and plank walks on and in yards, alleys, alleyways, streets, sidewalks, or other open areas, shall be removed and replaced with concrete, brick, or stone, laid in cement, gravel, or cinders, or the ground left bare.

SEC. 9. That it shall be the duty of every owner, agent, and occupant of each building, outhouse, and other superstructure, stable, lot, open area and other premise, sidewalk, street, and alley in the city of New Orleans to comply with all the provisions of this ordinance.

SEC. 10. That it is hereby made the duty of the department of public safety, and particularly through its health department (the city board of health), to enforce the provisions of this ordinance: *Provided*, That no affidavit shall be filed against any owner, agent, occupant, or other person charged with the duty of complying with the provisions of this ordinance, until 30 days shall have elapsed after a communication shall have been deposited in the United States mail, addressed by said health department to such owner, agent, occupant, or person, to his residence or to the premises upon which said violation shall be alleged to lie, which communication shall designate the character of violation with which such person shall be charged and the location of the premises upon which the offense is alleged to lie.

SEC. 11. That each day's violation of any provision of this ordinance shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

SEC. 12. That any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall on conviction be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$25, or in default of the payment of such fine by imprisonment in the parish jail for not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days, or both, at the discretion of the recorder having jurisdiction of the same.

SEC. 13. That any law or ordinance in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed.

**Plague—Prevention of the Introduction and Spread of—Measures to Prevent Rats from Entering or Leaving Vessels. (Ord. 2513, Commission Council, June 22, 1915.)**

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Commission Council of the City of New Orleans*, That from and after the promulgation of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any vessel, steamboat, or other water craft, except harbor boats, to lie alongside of any wharf or dock in the city of New Orleans, and such vessels, steamboats, or other water craft shall be fended off from said wharf or dock in such manner that no part of such vessel, steamboat, or other water craft shall be nearer than 8 feet from the nearest point of said wharf or dock by a floating fender or spars of sufficient strength to maintain said dis-

tance of 8 feet, and each such spar and each such chain, hawser, rope, or line of any kind extending from any such vessel, steamboat, or water craft to said dock or wharf shall be equipped with and have properly and securely attached thereto a rat shield or guard of such design and in such manner as shall be approved by the chairman of the board of health for the parish of Orleans and the city of New Orleans, except such harbor boats which shall be fumigated once every 60 days.

SEC. 2. That no gang plank, staging, or other structure, whereon or whereby rats may board or leave such vessel, steamboat, or other water craft, shall be extended therefrom to the wharf or dock except during such time as loading or unloading is in progress, and when being loaded or unloaded a competent man, specially detailed for that purpose by the owner, master, or officer in charge of such vessel, steamboat, or other water craft, shall be stationed at each such gang plank, staging, or other structure, whose duty it shall be to prevent rats from boarding or leaving such vessel, steamboat, or other water craft, and, if possible, to destroy same.

SEC. 3. That after the hour of sunset all such gang planks, staging, or other structure, provided for in section 2 of this ordinance, shall be removed from such wharf or dock: *Provided*, That when loading or unloading is required to be done after sunset the same shall be done in the manner provided by section 2 of this ordinance: *And provided further*, That such light or lights shall be furnished by the owner, master, or other officer in charge of such vessel, steamboat, or other water craft, and so placed at, or sufficiently near to, each such gang plank, staging, or other structure as to so light such gang plank, staging, or other structure that the presence of rats may be easily and readily seen, and such additional competent men as may be necessary shall be detailed in the manner and for the purpose provided for in section 2 of this article, provided that at the end of each such gang plank, staging, or other structure shall be kept whitened at all times when in use for a length of 10 feet.

SEC. 4. That no crafted cargo or empty barrels, boxes, or other containers, especially those from or intended for the storeroom, shall be permitted to leave or be received aboard of any such vessel, steamboat, or other water craft until the same shall have been so inspected as to insure that they contain no rats.

SEC. 5. That it is hereby made the duty of the owner, agent, and master, or other officer in charge of any such vessel, steamboat, or other water craft to comply with all the provisions of this ordinance.

SEC. 6. That each day's violation that any provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

SEC. 7. That the officers and employees of the dock board of the city of New Orleans are requested and the police force of the city of New Orleans are enjoined and required to assist in the enforcement of this whole ordinance and to report any violation thereof to the board of health for the Parish of Orleans and the city of New Orleans.

SEC. 8. That any person who shall violate any provisions of this ordinance shall, on conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$25, or, in default of payment, by imprisonment in the parish jail for not less than 10 nor more than 30 days, or both, at the discretion of the court having jurisdiction of same.

SEC. 9. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

**Plague—Prevention of the Introduction and Spread of—Garbage, Protection and Collection of. (Ord. 2514, Commission Council, June 22, 1915.)**

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Commission Council of the City of New Orleans*, That from and after the promulgation of this ordinance that the owner, agent, and occupant of every premise, improved or unimproved, in the city of New Orleans, whereon or wherein garbage shall be created, shall provide a metal, water-tight container or containers, each with a tight-fitting cover, such container or containers to be of such size as to be easily man-handled and of such number as to receive the garbage accumulation